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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

TOPIC Doeberitz Airfield

EVALUATION see below

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1. Between 3:15 and 3:30 p.m. on 9 November 1951, Doeberitz airfield was observed. An estimated 80 IL-10s, [redacted] were on the northern edge and 12 to 15 IL-10s were on the southern edge of the field. The southern edge could not be entirely observed. There was no flying.

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2. The former Flak Kaserne north of the field was occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The officers wore red-bordered golden epaulets. The former barracks installation east of the Flak Kaserne which had a capacity of 1,500 men, was occupied by air force troops and Soviet women who wore civilian clothes and uniforms. The officers were observed wearing blue-bordered silver and blue-bordered golden epaulets.

3. A radio installation with four masts and a radio truck with a rod antenna were west of the field, along the Muestermark-Potsdam railroad line. A radio installation with one mast was observed in the northwestern corner of the field.

4. Between 9:40 a.m. and 1:40 p.m. on 22 November, the field was observed in clear weather. Sixteen ground attack planes were counted on the southern edge which, however, could not be entirely observed. An estimated 40 planes of the same type, [redacted] were parked on the northern edge of the field. There was no flying. [redacted]

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5. A radio installation with one mast was located in the northwestern corner of the field. A line extended from the top of the mast to truck [redacted] A radio installation with four masts was located on the edge of a small wooded area, about 200 meters west of the railroad kilometer stone 76.5. From the middle of each mast, which was thicker than the other sections, a line led to the cabin in the center of the square bounded by the masts. A rod was fitted on the roof of the cabin. About 40 meters north of the radio installation with four masts, there was a mast which was braced by three guy wires at its lower third. A radio truck was parked next to this mast.

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6. Between 1 and 3:45 p.m. on 11 November, there was no flying at the field. Aircraft observed included 36 ground attack planes [redacted] They were parked in the northern section of the field. Thirty-five other covered ground

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attack aircraft and 3 biplanes were parked in front of the hangars in the southern section. [REDACTED]

7. A radio installation with four masts was west of the field and the railroad line, and a radio truck with a mast about 10 meters high was parked north of the radio installation. *

8. At 3:30 p.m. on 21 November, seventy-one ground attack planes were observed at the field. [REDACTED]

9. At 3 p.m. on 23 November, the field was occupied by 70 ground attack planes, including 36 parked on the northern edge of the installation and 23 on the southern edge. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There was intensive maintenance work. Six gray green ground attack planes [REDACTED] 2 biplanes, and 1 single-engine high-wing monoplane were observed.

10. On 1 December, almost 100 single-engine planes were parked at the field. Some had red rudder assemblies [REDACTED]

* [REDACTED] Comment. The radio installation with four masts is the Adecock DF station. According to a sketch furnished [REDACTED] but not forwarded, the DF station is located just west of the center of the field, about 200 meters west of the Wasternark-Prior-Wildpark railroad line. The installation is similar to the previously reported DF installations with four masts.

* [REDACTED] Comment. The mutually supporting statements [REDACTED] indicate that the airfield is still occupied by two ground attack regiments which are equipped with IL-10s. The aircraft of one regiment have red stripes on the leading edges of their rudder assemblies while the planes of the other regiment have blue leading edges on their rudder assemblies.

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